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SUBJ: NEW MILITARY JUNTA CHIEF FOR ANGOLA DOES NOT RULE  
OUT PARTICIPATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN NEW GOVT

1. NEW PRESIDENT OF MILITARY JUNTA OF ANGOLA, VICE  
ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO, LEFT LISBON JULY 25 FOR LUANDA,  
AND WAS SEEN OFF AT AIRPORT BY PRIME MINISTER, COSTA  
GOMES, ALMEIDA SANTOS, AND OTHER TOP LEVEL MILITARY  
OFFICIALS.

2. IN SHORT DEPARTURE REMARKS COUTINHO SAID MFA PROGRAM  
WILL BE CARRIED OUT INTEGRALLY IN ANGOLA. ONLY AFTER  
CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL FIGURES WILL HE DRAW UP LIST  
OF OTHERS WHO WILL SERVE WITH HIM ON JUNTA. HE DECLARED  
THAT IN SELECTING HIS NEW COLLEAGUES, PRIMARILY MILITARY  
MEN, HE WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION NAMES SUGGESTED  
TO HIM BY ANGOLANS.

3. JUNTA AND NEW ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED WITHIN ONE WEEK,  
ACCORDING TO COUTINHO. HE ALSO REMARKED IT NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT  
MEMBERS OF LIBERATION GROUPS MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN NEW GOVERNMENT,  
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PROVIDED THEY WANT TO COLLABORATE SINCE HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN

POLITICAL OR SKIN COLORATIONS.

4. HIS PRIMARY OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO DEFEND RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO CALL ANGOLA HOME. IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE OUT OF THE QUESTION AND A PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY AT ANY RATE. THINGS MUST BE DONE KEEPING IN MIND RESPECT FOR WILL OF LOCAL POPULATION AND NOT ON BASIS OF IMPROVISATIONS.

5. BEFORE BOARDING PLANE COUTINHO INFORMED PRESS THAT COMMANDER JORGE CORREIA JESUINO WILL BECOME NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INFORMATION, REPLACING MAJOR MARIZ FERNANDEZ WHO WILL SHORTLY RETURN TO LISBON. (JESUINO A FORMER JUNTA DELGATE FOR INFORMATION AND ON ORIGINAL AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR CONTROL OF MEDIA IN IMMEDIATE POST-COUP PERIOD).  
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